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LB 530

Mr. President, 530 (read title). The bill was read on January 19, was referred to the Revenue Committee for hearing. The bill was advanced to General File, Mr. President. There are Revenue Committee amendments pending.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Warner. Is Senator Carsten here? Committee amendments to 530.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President, members, I would move for the adoption of the committee amendments. The committee amendments reduce the five cent as provided in the original bill to one cent and the effective date, of course, would be July 1, and this was, of course, last year, '83. It would have to be changed to '84, but I think E & R would pick that up. In addition to that, it provided for two additional positions in the Motor Fuel Tax Enforcement personnel. It appeared that this was going to be needed to administer this bill and the committee agreed with that and so put it into the amendment. I would move for the adoption of the committee amendments, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Warner, you want to talk on the committee amendments?

SENATOR WARNER: Yes. Mr. President, I would like to urge that we do not support the committee amendments. As Senator Carsten pointed out, there are date problems. In addition, one portion of the committee amendment essentially should not...I don't believe you want it to be a part of the statutes saying there will be additional people in the Department of Ag doing some checking. The reason, of course, is that you know unless it was budgeted it would have no impact. I appreciate what was being concerned...what the concern was at that time because it was a concern about bootlegging, but the tax differential between Nebraska and other states are not significantly different yet, at least not as much different as it was at that time. In addition, I have an amendment in any event which would strike the committee amendment. So I would just urge the committee amendment not be adopted.